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It is a pleasure to introduce Update, a new Council publication designed to provide you with "up-to-date" information about the Council's public involvement process. It will include...

- current issue papers available
- deadlines for public comment
- advisory committee meetings scheduled
- hearings

...and any other news and opportunities for public involvement. Because it is published bimonthly, Energy News cannot always provide timely information. Update, on the other hand, will be published with every Council meeting agenda--approximately every three weeks. Energy News will continue to provide indepth background on regional energy and fish and wildlife issues.

We are also pleased to introduce Steve Engel, who has joined the Council's public information and involvement staff as editor of Update among other duties. We are always interested in your suggestions for improving this newsletter or any other public information/involvement activities. Please address comments to:

Dulcy Mahar, Director
Public Information & Involvement

Issue papers

The following staff issue papers are currently open for public comment. (Deadline dates for comment are indicated in parentheses after the issue paper title):

- Losses, Goals, and Program Planning for the Fish and Wildlife Program (Oral comment accepted at the Council meeting November 29; written comment accepted until December 6.)

  This paper deals with compensation for losses in salmon and steelhead production due to hydropower projects in the Columbia Basin. The paper discusses methods and responsibilities for assessing losses and for restoring the runs.

- Economic and Demographic Assumptions for the Power Plan (Oral comment accepted at the Council meeting December 19-20; written comment accepted until January 4, 1985.)

  This paper projects figures important to development of the new power plan. Projections will include population, employment, production, households and housing stock.

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- Costs of Delaying the Model Conservation Standards
  (Oral comment accepted at the Council meeting December 19-20; written comment accepted until that time.)

  This paper identifies costs to the region of accepting a two-year delay in the adoption of MCS, as requested by certain utilities.

- Value of Increased Direct Service Industry Interruptibility
  (Oral comment accepted at the Council meeting December 19-20; written comment accepted until that time.)

  This paper discusses the value of decreasing planning uncertainty by converting more of the firm load to interruptible load. Direct service industries are principally aluminum plants.

Advisory committee meetings

All these meetings will be held at the Council's Portland headquarters.

- Coal Options Task Force
  November 30, 9 a.m. (MAY BE RESCHEDULED: Call to find out.)

  Agenda: Will discuss draft reports to be received from sponsoring utilities on potential coal options at Creston, additional units at Boardman, and Wyodak 2.

- Demand Forecasting Advisory Committee
  December 3, 9 a.m.

  Agenda: Discussion of residential and commercial model adoption; Direct Service Industry assumptions; demand model input assumptions; primary model changes.

- Hydropower Assessment Steering Committee
  December 11, 10 a.m.

- Economic Forecasting Advisory Committee
  December 18, 9 a.m.

  Agenda: Review Economic & Demographic Assumptions issue paper; discuss work done by Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates.

Special meeting

The Northwest Power Planning Council will meet with public utility commissioners from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana in a special session to discuss sales of Northwest electrical power outside the region. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held Tuesday, December 11, in Portland, Oregon at the Council's new offices, beginning at 9 a.m. Earlier this year, the commissioners sent a joint letter to the Council requesting that the Council take an active role in developing policy for such sales.

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news!

- The Council has a new member from Montana. As of December 17, Morris Brusett replaces Keith Colbo, last year's chairman. Colbo was appointed director of Montana's Department of Commerce. Brusett served most recently as director of Montana's Department of Administration, the agency responsible for state telecommunications, procurement and general services, personnel and building codes. Prior to that he was legislative auditor.

- The Council has delayed entering rulemaking on proposed exemptions to the Model Conservation Standards. The members voted at the November 28 Portland meeting to delay such action until the Council and BPA have developed alternative measures to implement the standards through means other than codes.

- The city of McCleary in Washington adopted the Model Conservation Standards on November 14. McCleary is the third jurisdiction to choose early adoption.

how to comment on council issues

To make oral comment at Council meetings, sign up prior to the meeting or ask to be recognized when the chairman calls for additional comment. You can sign up by calling Council headquarters or by using the sign-up sheets available at each meeting.

Written comment is welcome during the period designated. It is not refused beyond that date, but may not be included in the preliminary decisions made on the issue papers. Written comment should be addressed to the Council's Portland office (see bottom of page for new address).

To receive issue papers, staff reports and other Council publications, call or write Judy Allender, Public Involvement Secretary at the Council's Portland office.

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current issue papers

The following issue papers are currently open for public comment. (Deadlines for comment are indicated in parentheses.)

- Economic & Demographic Assumptions for the Power Plan
  (Oral comment will be accepted at the Boise Council meeting December 19-20 and at the Council meeting January 9-10; written comment will be accepted until January 4, 1985.

- Costs of Delaying the Model Conservation Standards
  (Oral comment will be accepted at the December 19-20 meeting; written comment will be accepted until that time.)

- Value of Increased Direct Service Industry Interruptibility
  (Oral comment will be accepted at the December 19-20 meeting; written comment will be accepted until then.)

- Environmental Criteria for Resource Acquisition*
  (Oral comment accepted at the Council meeting January 9-10; written comment accepted until that time.)

  This paper sets forth environmental criteria for Bonneville Power Administration acquisition of several resource types, including coal plants, wind farms, cogeneration projects and geothermal.

  * new paper

advisory committee meeting

- Economic Forecasting Advisory Committee
  December 18, 9 a.m. at Council headquarters.

  Agenda: Review Economic & Demographic Assumptions paper; discuss work done by Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates.

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fish & wildlife amendment

The Council will enter rulemaking to amend Sections 201 and 1504 (Action Item 36) of its fish and wildlife program. The proposed amendment would change the funding source and modify some procedures in what is commonly called the "goals study." It would make no substantive changes in that study. Comments on the proposed amendment must be received on or before 5 p.m., Friday, February 1, 1985. Mail to Janie Pearcy (address below). Hearings are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, January 10, 1985, at 9 a.m., central office of the Council, Suite 1100, 850 SW Broadway, in Portland, Oregon.

Friday, January 18, 1985, at 10 a.m., Sheraton-Missoula Hotel, 200 South Pattee, in Missoula, Montana.

Thursday, January 24, 1985, at 9 a.m. at the Clearwater Room, Cavanaugh's River Inn, North 700 Division, in Spokane, Washington.

Monday, January 28, 1985, at 9 a.m. at the Teton Room, Red Lion Downtowner, 1800 Fairview, in Boise, Idaho.

For further information, contact Dulcy Mahar, Director of Public Information and Involvement, at the Council's central office in Portland. Telephone: 503-222-5161 (toll free 1-800-452-2324, within Oregon; 1-800-222-3355, from Idaho, Montana, and Washington).

new washington address

As of January 2, 1985, the Washington representatives to the Council have a new location. The address is Suite 700, Olympic Tower Building, 217 Pine Street, Seattle, Washington 98101. The main phone number will be 1-206-464-6519.

recent council publications

To receive issue papers, status reports and other Council publications, call or write Judy Allender, Public Involvement Secretary at the Council's Portland office.

Brief of Respondent, Northwest Power Planning Council
The brief was filed before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in The Seattle Master Builders Association et. al. suit.

publications (continued)

Transcript of Council Hearing with Public Utility Commissioners
Transcript of the December 11, 1984, meeting will be available soon.

Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program (1984 revised edition)
Those who received the draft will automatically receive a copy.

Issue Paper on Environmental Criteria for Resource Acquisition
This paper sets forth environmental criteria for acquisition of several resource types, including biomass, geothermal, wind, combustion turbines, fuel cells, coal steam-electric and cogeneration. The criteria apply to air, water, heat, noise, and odor.

Issue Paper on Financial Assumptions
This paper describes the crucial financial assumptions that the Council can use to evaluate the future cost-effectiveness of present resource investments. These assumptions can influence various strategies and planning decisions. The analysis considers factors such as inflation, rate of discount, risk premiums, taxes, economic growth and demands.

Status Report on Industrial Conservation Survey
The Council is estimating the amount and cost of electricity that could be conserved in the industrial sector, including a summary of the energy's present uses. Results will help the Council and Bonneville Power Administration develop acquisition programs.

advisory committee meetings

Industrial Conservation Advisory Committee
To be announced for some date in mid-January (nonmembers can see the Federal Register or call the Council). Agenda: Review draft final report from contract study.

Hydro Assessment Steering Committee
January 15, 10 a.m., at Council headquarters. Agenda: Discuss the anadromous fish study and some tribal and cultural aspects.

Economic Forecasting Advisory Committee
January 15, 9 a.m., at Council headquarters. Agenda: Discuss comments received on the proposed draft of the Economic & Demographic Forecast.

Demand Forecasting Advisory Committee
January 18, 9 a.m., at Council headquarters. Agenda: Discuss proposed changes in the Demand Model and the varying assumptions across forecast scenarios in that model.

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